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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: OMB STUDY OF UNDP AND
UNFPA PROGRAMS AND US AID

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1. AS PART OF A STUDY OF PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND THE
EVOLUTION AND IMPACT OF BOTH BILATERAL (USAID) AND MULTI-
LATERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THE DEVELOPING
WORLD, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
AND BUDGET (OMB) IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HOPE TO VISIT IF POSSIBLE THREE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THERE
HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE SUBSTANTIAL UN AND U.S.
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. OMB TEAM HAS BEGUN STUDY OF UNDP
AND AID PROGRAMS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. DISCUSSIONS IN NEW
YORK AND WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT/AID HAVE LED TO A
TENTATIVE SELECTION OF PROGRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN, TANZANIA,
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AND TUNISIA FOR CONCENTRATION. THE OMB TEAM EXPECT TO

SPEND UP TO 10 DAYS IN EACH OF THE SELECTED COUNTRIES
BETWEEN MID-MAY AND MID-JUNE.

2. USUN IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF
UNDP AND UNFPA TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER PROPOSED COUNTRIES

AND SUGGESTED DATES ACCEPTABLE TO UNDP. WE WOULD OF
COURSE EXPECT UNDP TO INFORM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES
IN SELECTED COUNTRIES OF PROSPECTIVE VISITS AND VISIT
SCHEDULES. YOU SHOULD HOWEVER INFORM UNDP THAT PRECISE
SCHEDULING AND ARRANGEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE TEAM
WILL BE THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY AT THE RESPECTIVE
U.S. EMBASSIES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES OFFICES.

3. IF THE PROPOSED COUNTRIES AND DATES OF FIELD TRIPS
ACCEPTABLE TO UNDP/UNFPA, USUN SHOULD ARRANGE INTERVIEWS
APRIL 13 AND 14 WITH THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL STAFF IN
NEW YORK IN BOTH UN AGENCIES FOR OMB TEAM MEMBERS RICHARD
NYGARD AND RUTH GREENSTEIN. THEY WISH TO DISCUSS
THE SELECTION OF FIELD PROJECTS TO BE VIEWED AND GET
A BETTER SENSE OF PAST AND ON-GOING COUNTRY ACTIVITIES.
AREAS OF BROAD CONCERN WITHIN EACH COUNTRY INCLUDE:
(A) DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY PROGRAM; (B) RELATIONSHIPS
AMONG THE UNDP, THE HOST GOVERNMENT, AND THE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES; (C) FIELD IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING SYSTEMS;
AND (D) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER MULTILATERAL (E.G.,
IBRD) OR BILATERAL DONORS.

4. USUN PLEASE CONFIRM APRIL 13-14 VISIT NY SOONEST
AND PROVIDE SCHEDULE WHEN AVAILABLE.

5. FYI FOR KABUL, TUNIS, DAR ES SALAAM. COUNTRY SELECTION
STILL UNDER REVIEW IN AID/W AND A FURTHER MESSAGE
WILL BE SENT WHEN ACCEPTABLE COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED
DEFINITELY HERE AND IN NEW YORK. IT NOT NECESSARY FOR
YOU TO CONTACT UNDP ON THIS MATTER YET. KISSINGER

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